

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

The Amendment to the Specification set forth herein is submitted to formally enter the complete application serial number for the provisional application from which the present application claims priority. A reference to the prior provisional application by the filing date and partial serial number of that application, together with other identifying information, was submitted as part of the original application papers in the Cross Reference to Related Applications section of the patent application, the Declaration signed by the inventors, and the Utility Patent Application Transmittal. Only a partial application serial number was provided because, at the time the Utility Patent Application papers were filed, the complete serial number of the provisional application, filed two weeks prior to the Utility Application, was not known. Accordingly, the amendment submitted herein is required in order to provide the full serial number.

Recognition of the priority date of March 31, 2004 will not require a new search or otherwise affect the prosecution of the application. Moreover, Applicant submits that there are no bar dates that require recognition of the provisional application filing date as the priority of the Utility Application.

In alternative, should the Amendment After Allowance be deemed insufficient to correct the priority claim, Applicants hereby petition the Patent Office to accept the priority claim as unintentionally delayed. In particular, sufficient information was provided with the filing of the Utility application to unambiguously identify the provisional application to which the claim of priority was made. Accordingly, the omission of the complete provisional application serial number was a technical error, but not a substantive one. Nonetheless, the complete reference to the prior provisional application is set forth in the Amendment to the Specification presented above. Authorization to charge Deposit Account No. 19-1970 for the surcharge under 37CFR § 1.17(t) is hereby given. In addition, Applicant states that the entire delay between the date the claim was due under 37CFR § 1.78 (a)(5) and the date of this petition was unintentional.

*Application Serial No. 10/825,548*  
*Amendment After Allowance*

For the reasons set forth above, an Amendment to the Specification to enter the complete provisional application serial number as set forth above and recognition by the Patent Office of the priority claim to the provisional application filed March 31, 2004, are respectfully requested. The undersigned may be contacted by telephone if doing so would be of assistance.

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